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1. On 17 and 18 February 1953, the barracks installation in Gera-Tinz was no longer occupied by the artillery unit which arrived there on 14 February. Local residents stated that the unit left by road.¹ Two troop trains were being unloaded during the nights of 17 and 18 February. The units left toward Bad Koenitz. some artillery pieces with each unit; a railroadman stated that each unit was equipped with 20 artillery pieces.

2. At 3 p.m. on 21 February, 21 T-34 tanks were seen on troop trains which passed through Wurzen, coming from the direction of Dresden and proceeding toward Leipzig.³
3. At 5:45 p.m. on 1 March, a troop train consisting of 15 boxcars, occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; and about 45 flatcars carrying 10 light artillery pieces and an undetermined number of trucks, was seen in Gotha, coming from the direction of Erfurt and proceeding toward Eisenach or Muehlhausen.

1. Comment. According to reports on transportation, the artillery unit which had moved in the barracks installation in Gera Tinz on 14 February, fairly definitely belonged to the 10th How Arty Brig (US) of the IV Arty Corps from Alten-grabow.

2. Comment. Judging from the reported march direction, the artillery units detrained on 17 and 18 February were also headed for the Gera-Zeitz-Lossa training area of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps.

3. Comment. Probably tanks of the 8th Gds Mecz Div, which returned from the Grima-Riesa training area to Leipzig or, possibly, Borna.

4. Comment. According to service color and type of guns, probably a shipment of the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from the Bluecher Kaserne in Naumburg, presumably to the Kindel troop training grounds.

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